

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
0	501



City Lexington

Address 8 Warren Street

Historic Name Grace Cook House

Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

c. 1890-1900 1894

Source Minute Man, Sept 7 1894

Style Queen Anne

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric aluminum siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 45280 ft.²

Setting Suburban street of substantial

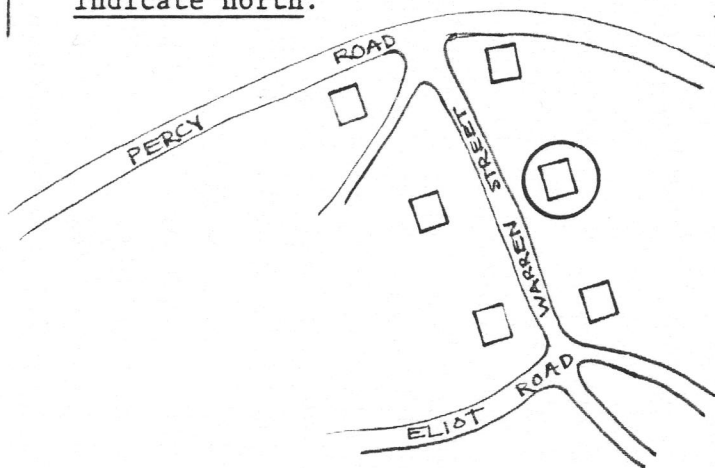
turn of the twentieth century houses and

some mid-twentieth century infill; on

Munroe Hill; site slopes steeply to the rear.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date March, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

The most striking feature of this house is the pronounced two-story porch with overhanging gable above it at the center of the facade. A three-sided oriel window wraps around the left front and side at the second level. The height and siting of this house take advantage of the view off the eastern slope of Munroe Hill.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

Mrs. Grace H. Cook occupied this house from before 1899 until after 1906.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

1899 atlas

1906 atlas

1899 Directory

1906 Directory

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
8 WARREN ST.

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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This house was constructed in 1894 for Mrs. Grace Cook, widow of Charles Cook. On September 7, 1894 the *Lexington Minute-Man* reported that "Mrs. Cook of Cambridge will build a fine house on Mt. Vernon hill this fall, on land of William Munroe". According to directories, Mrs. Cook was still living here as late as 1932, with her daughter Mabel. By 1942 there is only a listing for Mabel Cook.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Lexington Directories, various dates.
Lexington Minute-Man, September 7, 1894.

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